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Subject: Coyote Valley Specific Plan - comments to Task Force Members

Dear CVSP Task Force Members:

The Committee for Green Foothills thanks the Task Force members and City staff for all their hard work regarding Coyote Valley. While we respect those who will be disappointed that a Specific Plan will not result from this process, we need to point out that many of us who have been involved in this process for years did not believe that development should go forward, and so it would be incorrect to say this outcome contradicts everyone's work.

Regarding the final work product to be presented to the City Council, we suggest that the Task Force include language stating it forwards the work product as part of its effort to fulfill the mission given to it by the City Council to assist staff's development of a Specific Plan, but the Task Force makes no recommendation as to whether Coyote Valley should be developed. Making a recommendation would be inappropriate absent a completed Environmental Impact Report - here we have not even a Draft EIR - and a completed Fiscal Analysis - here we have only a heavily criticized, two-year old Draft Fiscal Analysis predicated on a continuation of the housing bubble. Making a recommendation when you don't know the risks and don't know what you're losing would simply be irresponsible.

There is one recommendation the Task Force could make, however. It could encourage the City to compare their proposals for Coyote Valley development to that contained in the Coyote Valley Research Park if and when CVRP permit renewals are considered. CVRP's development authorizations will start expiring in several years, and the low-density, farmland-consuming campuses are inappropriate. As the Mercury News said several years ago regarding Coyote Valley, either do it right or don't do it. This process has clearly shown that CVRP would not be doing it right.

Sincerely,
Brian Schmidt